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SUBJ: GRENADA SITUATION

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE HAS JUST GIVEN US ITS LATEST INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN GRENADA: (A) POLICE USED TEAR GAS TO BREAK UP JAN 21 RIOT AT OTWAY HOUSE. SPORADIC SHOOTING WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE NIGHT, AND THERE IS UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF SECOND DEATH. LOOTING ALSO REPORTED TO BE TAKING PLACE. PRO-AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS HAVE ESTABLISHED RIVAL ROADBLOCKS AROUND ST GEORGE'S. AS RESULT, TRANSPORT TO AND FROM AIRPORT DIFFICULT. (B) GAIRY IS REPORTED DETERMINED TO GO AHEAD WITH INDEPENDENCE BUT TOLD UK REPS HE IS THINKING OF SIMPLIFYING CELEBRATIONS. NO OFFICIAL CHANGE OF PLANS ANNOUNCED AS YET. LEO DEGALE IS TO BE SWORN IN AS ACTING GOVERNOR EVENING OF JAN 22. (C) LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE MODERATES LOOSING INFLUENCE AND EXTREMISTS GAINING. FOR TIME BEING, HOWEVER, BRITISH NOT PREPARED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTENDANCE AT INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES.

2. ACCORDING TO LIAT MANAGER IN BARBADOS, FLIGHTS TO AND
FROM GRENADA STILL IN OPERATION. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION
WITH GRENADA STILL OUT, BUT LIMITED TELEX SERVICE STILL
OPERATING.
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